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Title: REGULATION OF THE GROWTH HORMONE/IGF-1 AXIS

Assignee: ELIXIR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Under 35 USC §119(e)(1), this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. provisional applications 60/408,560, filed September 6, 2002, 60/487,344, filed July 14, 2003, and 60/487,308, filed July 14, 2003.

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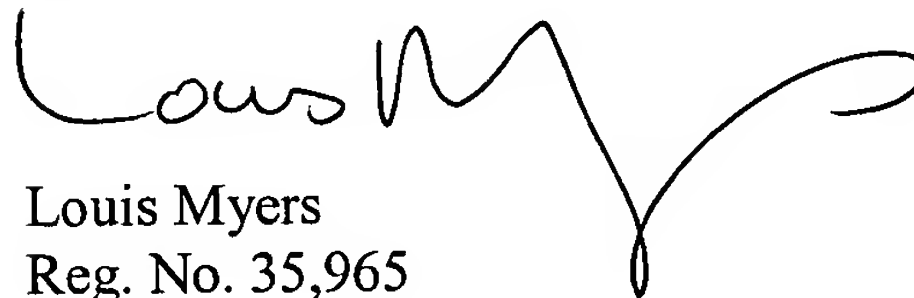
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